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For : FIXING DEVICE AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL METHOD

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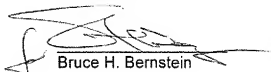
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## Foreign Applications

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**Title**

Fixing device and temperature control method

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